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The Right Honorable,  
The Lord Carrington, P.C., K.C.M.G., M.C.  
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth  
Affairs

Dear Mr. Secretary of State:

On the 40th Anniversary of the BBC Monitoring Service, I should like to express to you and through you to the BBC this Government's sincere appreciation for the vital information services which the BBC Monitoring Service has provided us throughout these years.

Under difficult wartime conditions, the BBC Monitoring Service pioneered the monitoring of foreign broadcasts and made an essential contribution to the allied effort. Since then, it has developed an enviable standard of professionalism in its field. For some 37 years, the United States Government and public have benefitted greatly from its work through the exchange of monitored information with our Foreign Broadcast Information Service, an association which has also served to strengthen the understanding and friendship between our countries.

On behalf of my grateful associates in the Department of State and throughout the United States Government, I send the BBC Monitoring Service our best wishes for the future.

Sincerely yours,

Cyrus R. Vance